

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA~~

SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

"LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA"

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the centered heading after line 7 at page 3:

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6 with the following centered heading:

~~In the figures,~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Please add the following centered heading after line 16 at page 5 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 1 with the following:

Claims

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The present invention pertains to novel microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae, especially to microorganisms of the genus Lactobacillus, that are useful in preventing or treating diarrhoea. In particular, the present invention relates to the use of said micro-organisms for the preparation of an ingestable support and to a composition containing the same.~~

ABSTRACT

~~Novel~~¹¹ microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae, particularly microorganisms of the genus Lactobacillus, that are useful in preventing or treating diarrhoea are provided. The microorganism can be utilized for the preparation of an ingestable support and to a composition containing same. The preferred microorganism is Lp 2- - "

can be included.